

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Council Chambers, Beck Municipal Building

Minutes

Present: J. Armstrong, M. Hart, M. Kirk, E. Paterson, M. Sargent, P. Shapiro, N. Silander, B. Wood

Staff: M. Capriola, J. Mullen (*Town*); C. van Zelm (*MDP*)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

1. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee

Amy Gorin, Mansfield. Ms. Gorin spoke in opposition to the community input process used by Region 19 regarding the possible sale of its campus to UCONN and to the Region 19 campus leaving downtown Storrs.

2. Meeting Minutes

Hart made the motion, seconded by Armstrong to approve the minutes of 4/12/16 as presented. The motion passed with all voting in favor with the exception of one abstention (Silander).

3. Updates:

a. *Mansfield Tomorrow*. Tabled.

b. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*. van Zelm provided an update on commercial tenancy in Storrs Center. She also provided an update on the for sale owner occupied units, of which 32 of 42 units have been sold. She distributed information on summer events. She announced that Board President, Philip Lodewick is stepping down, and that Board Vice President, Steve Bacon will become Board President.

c. *USG*. Tabled.

d. *Ad hoc Committee on Rental Housing*. Hart discussed the three main regulatory amendments that the Committee is reviewing. The Planning and Zoning Commission is looking at the definition of number of unrelated persons for high density rental units (multi-family units). The Committee will be reviewing the concept of incentives for landlords with a good record at its next meeting.

e. *Proposed Sale of Region 19 Campus to UCONN*. Hart provided an update. The Region has decided to put their (potential) building project discussion on hold and a November referendum is not planned. A more thorough stakeholder input process is anticipated for late summer or fall.

4. ITGA Conference

Mullen and Armstrong provided an overview of the ITGA Conference including: sessions and workshops; best practices and take-aways; and certifications earned by Mullen and Armstrong.

5. Other Business

The Partnership annual meeting will be held June 15th at 6pm.

Bev Wood announced her upcoming retirement from UCONN.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria E. Capriola, Assistant Town Manager, Town of Mansfield